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I.—From T. A. GIBSON, Esq., A.M., First Classical Assistant High School Department of McGill College, Montreal.

That John Borthwick was a pupil under my tuition for four years during my superintendence of Cauvin's Institution; that, during that period he prosecuted, with great diligence and success, English with Grammar, Ciphering and Writing, Geography, History (Ancient and Modern), Latin and French, Religious Knowledge, &c.; that at each Annual Examination he received one or more prizes for particular merits; and that his conduct throughout generally received my approbation,—is certified by

T. A. GIBSON, A.M.,

High School, Montreal (late of Cauvin's Institution, Scotland).

Montreal, June 2nd, 1847.

II.—From Rev. DAVID BIGGAR, Master of Cauvin's Institution, Scotland.

CAUVIN'S INSTITUTION,

25th August, 1845.

I hereby certify that the bearer, John Douglas Borthwick, son of Mr. Borthwick, Schoolmaster of Glencross, has been educated in this Institution for the last six years; and that for the two years during which I have been Master in it, I have had reason to be satisfied with his conduct and progress.

That he is a good English, Latin, and French scholar; that he has also learned the elements of Greek; that in Arithmetic he has gone through some of the elementary books; was considerably advanced in

Hutton's Mensuration; and had proceeded to the 5th book of Euclid's Elements of Geometry.

That he has acquired a considerable knowledge of Geography, and has drawn some very correct Maps on paper; and that the Maps used at our Annual Examinations for the last two years were drawn by him, on the black board, with different coloured chalk.

I understand that he wishes to be employed as assistant in an Academy or large School, and I hope that he will soon find such a situation, and that he will give every satisfaction to his employers.

DAVID BIGGAR,
Master of Cauvin's Institution.

III.—From GEORGE KNIGHT, Esq., late Teacher of English, Edinburgh.

15 HENDERSON ROW,
Edinburgh, 22nd November, 1845.

I hereby certify that John D. Borthwick, son of the Teacher of Glen-cross Parish School, was at Cauvin's Institution, Duddingstone, till August last, for six years; that I, as one of the Governors of that Institution, had many opportunities of noticing his steady progress and advancement; and that during the last year he had acquired a love of reading to a much greater extent than any one of his contemporaries. He obtained a competent knowledge of all the branches taught there, but in Geography and the drawing of Maps he greatly excelled.

GEO. KNIGHT,
Late Teacher of English, and one of the Authors of
Fulton & Knight's Dictionary.

IV.—From JOHN FERGUSSON, Esq., Principal of the Eastern Academy, Glasgow, Scotland.

EASTERN ACADEMY,
Glasgow, 1st August, 1846.

This certifies that Mr. John Borthwick assisted me in my Junior Classes nearly eight months, preceding the 12th June; that he was regular in his attendance; and that the progress of the pupils under his care was creditable.

JOHN FERGUSSON.

V.—From J. PILLANS, Esq., Professor of Latin in the University of Edinburgh.

COLLEGE OF EDINBURGH, 14th April, 1847.

I hereby certify that Mr. John D. Borthwick, during the course of this session, attended the Junior Humanity Class with great regularity up to this date ; that his conduct was uniformly correct ; that he acquitted himself creditably in the Public Examinations ; and that he performed the whole of the exercises prescribed to be written.

J. PILLANS, Prof.

VI.—From GEO. DUNBAR, Esq., Professor of Greek in the University of Edinburgh.

COLLEGE OF EDINBURGH, 14th April, 1847.

I hereby certify that Mr. John Borthwick attended regularly the First Greek Class during the present session ; that his conduct and diligence were commendable ; that he performed the business of the Class with approbation ; wrote carefully the exercises prescribed ; and acquired a considerable knowledge of the principles of the Greek language.

GEO. DUNBAR, Prof.

VII.—From Rev. WM. SCOTT MONCRIEFF, Minister of Penicuik, near Edinburgh, Scotland.

Having been called on to examine the School taught by Mr. J. Borthwick in this Parish, I have pleasure in stating that it was numerously attended, there being 42 present, and the average attendance stated to be 33—a large number, considering that there are in the place five other schools besides Mr. B's. That it was moreover efficiently taught, discipline being well maintained ; and progress seemed to be making by the children in the several branches taught.

WILLIAM SCOTT MONCRIEFF,
Minister of Penicuik.

The Manse, Penicuik, 4th May, 1848.

VIII.—From Rev. DAVID DUNCAN, Howgate,
Scotland.

HOWGATE, 5th May, 1848.

Having attended the Examination of the School in Penicuik, taught by Mr. John Borthwick, I have much pleasure in bearing testimony to his efficiency as an instructor of the young. The manner in which his scholars performed their exercises reflected great credit on him. I was particularly pleased with the readiness and correctness with which even the youngest spelled the words occurring in the lessons read by them.

DAVID DUNCAN,
Minister of the United Presbyterian Church, Howgate.

IX.—From Rev. ALEX. TORRENCE, Glencross
Manse.

GLENCROSS MANSE, 8th May, 1848.

Having been present at the Examination of Mr. John D. Borthwick's School, I am happy to state that I had much reason to be satisfied with his mode of teaching, and the progress the children seemed to have made under his charge.

ALEX. TORRENCE.

X.—From Rev. THOS. GIRDWOOD, Bridge-end,
Penicuik.

PENICUIK, 29th June, 1848.

Mr. John Borthwick has taught a School in this Village for a considerable time, and, so far as I have had the means of knowing, has always maintained an unexceptionable character. I have examined his School during his incumbency, and have great pleasure in saying, that the manner in which his pupils conducted themselves,—the facility and expertness with which they performed their exercises, and their general proficiency in the common branches of education,—gave the most decided evidence of their having been carefully and attentively taught, according to the most approved principles of modern teaching.

THOMAS GIRDWOOD,
Minister of the United Presbyterian Church,
Bridge-end, Penicuik.

XI.—From Rev. SAMUEL RICHARDSON, Minister of Penninghame, Newton Stewart, Scotland.

MANSE OF PENNINGHAME,
7th November, 1849.

The bearer, Mr. John Douglas Borthwick, taught the School of Loudon in this Parish, from October 1848 to August 1849. The School was well attended; and, at the Examination, the classes gave much satisfaction. Mr. Borthwick's character while in this Parish, so far as is known to me, was unexceptionable.

SAM. RICHARDSON,
Minister of Penninghame.

XII.—From Rev. ROD. REID, Minister of Lochs, Island of Lewis, Scotland.

That the bearer, Mr. John Douglas Borthwick, has officiated for the last six months as substitute Teacher in the Parochial School of Lochs; during which period his conduct was highly exemplary, his attention to his charge unremitting, and his labours both creditable to himself and beneficial to his pupils,—is certified this 29th day of April, 1850 years, by

ROD. REID, Minister.

XIII.—From CHAS. ROBINSON, Esq., J.P., Town Reeve, Thorah, Lake Simcoe, Canada West.

BEAVERTON, July 30th, 1852.

I certify that Mr. J. D. Borthwick has taught in the Village of Beaverton from 1st October 1850 until this date. During that period I have been a frequent visitor of his School, and always found him assiduous and earnest in his vocation. The progress of his pupils has been most satisfactory to all concerned, and highly creditable to him as a Teacher. As an individual, his conduct has been exemplary.

From my own knowledge of Mr. Borthwick's high qualifications, his experience, and excellent conduct, I have no hesitation in recommending him as an able and efficient Teacher.

CHARLES ROBINSON,
Town Reeve, Thorah.

XIV.—From Rev. HUGH BORTHWICK, A.M., Principal of Ottawa Senior Grammar School.

NEWMARKET (YORK CO.), C. W.,
February 7th, 1853.

I hereby certify that Mr. J. D. Borthwick has taught in the Grammar School here for six months, and has given great satisfaction to Parents and Trustees. Owing to delicacy of health, I was obliged to give him some of the Classical and Mathematical Classes in the School to conduct, which he did to my entire satisfaction and the improvement of the pupils. I know he is thoroughly competent to teach all the branches of an English education, with the Classics and Mathematics required in a Country Grammar School. He is, besides, constantly improving himself by hard study.

H. J. BORTHWICK, A.M.,
Master, Grammar School, Newmarket.

XV.—LICENSE OF BOARD OF PUBLIC INSTRUCTION for the County of Brant, Canada West.

This is to certify that Mr. John Borthwick having applied to the Board of Public Instruction for the County of Brant, for a Certificate of Qualification to teach, and having produced "satisfactory proof of good moral character," the Board has carefully examined him in the several branches of study enumerated in the "Qualification of First Class Teachers," contained in the "Programme of the Examination and Classification of Teachers prescribed by the Council of Public Instruction for Upper Canada," adopted the 3rd day of October, 1850,—and having found the said John Borthwick well qualified to teach the several branches therein named, the Board, as authorized by the 29th Section of the Act, 13th and 14th Victoria, Chapter 48, hereby licenses him.

This certificate of Qualification to remain in force till cancelled.

Dated this 22nd day of June, one thousand eight hundred and fifty-three.

JAMES KEITH, *Chairman.*
DAVID CAW, *Local Supt.*

XVI.—From Rev. GEO. MURRAY, Oxford, C.W.

These are to certify that on the 26th of November, 1854, I visited the school taught by Mr. John Borthwick, in Mount Pleasant, along with two of the Trustees, and that I have much pleasure in stating that I was both highly entertained and gratified with the examinations of the several classes. Mr. B. has evidently great facility in adapting his instruction to the juvenile mind. The style of his teaching is minute and thorough. The pupils displayed great accuracy and proficiency in all the exercises of the school. I deem it unnecessary to particularize any branch, for the same care and diligence were apparent in the correctness and evidences with which the pupils answered the questions put in all the branches taught in the school, and, upon the whole, I consider Mr. J. Borthwick as a teacher of the first class, of much experience as a teacher, and, therefore, a valuable acquisition to the neighbourhood.

GEORGE MURRAY,

Member of the Board of Public Instruction for the County of Oxford.

Mount Pleasant, 21st Feb., 1855.

XVII.—From Rev. ALEX. A. DRUMMOND, Superintendent of Schools, Brantford, C.W.

BRANTFORD, Oct. 29th, 1855.

I have frequently visited Mr. Borthwick's school during the 2½ years he has taught in Mount Pleasant. I have carefully examined his pupils in the various branches taught in schools, and feel myself at liberty to certify that Mr. B., in my estimation, is a first-class teacher. His own mind is well trained,—his acquaintance with the science of education is up to the times, and it is his manifest desire to excel in his profession: hence his success as a teacher and the proficiency of his scholars.

Besides, his moral character is unimpeachable, which gives him a position in the school-room favourable for influencing the children, and which, in the estimation of all who have enlightened views of education, will make him to be highly appreciated, and secure for him their respect and confidence.

A. A. DRUMMOND,

Supt. of C. S. in the Town and Township of Brantford.

XVIII.—From Rev. PATRICK GREIG, Mount Pleasant, C.W.

MOUNT PLEASANT, C.W., Nov. 1st, 1855.

I hereby certify that Mr. J. Douglas Borthwick, with whom I was intimately acquainted during the 2½ years that he taught in this place, and whose school I occasionally visited, is a man of good intellectual abilities and excellent literary attainments. He is kind in his disposition, free and affable in his manners, steady and upright in his habits, and bears an irreproachable character. He discharged the duties of his profession while here with diligence and perseverance,—was well liked by his pupils, and held in high esteem by all who knew him. I have much pleasure in saying that I consider him well qualified to be a teacher of youth.

(Signed,) PATRICK GREIG, Minister.

XIX.—From A. McEWAN, Esq., and others, Mount Pleasant, C.W.

MOUNT PLEASANT, Nov. 5th, 1855.

We the undersigned do hereby certify that Mr. J. D. Borthwick has taught in our village for the last 2½ years—that during that period he has taught to our satisfaction, and to the great improvement of the pupils under his charge, Latin, Geometry, Algebra, Rudiments of Greek, and French, and the various branches of a good English and Mercantile Education. That we moreover consider him a competent teacher, assiduous and diligent in his avocations, and at all times anxious for the advancement of his pupils, and that his character here has been unimpeachable.

ARCHIBALD McEWEN.

A. B. COOK, J.P.

GEORGE BRYCE.

JOHN ELLIS.

&c. &c.

**XX.—From J. W. DAWSON, LL.D., F.G.S., Principal
and Professor of Natural History and Agriculture,
McGill College, Montreal.**

McGILL COLLEGE, Feb. 3rd, 1860.

MY DEAR SIR,—I have much pleasure in expressing my favourable impressions of your character and conduct, while connected with the High School Department of this University; and also my respect for your earnest devotion to the work of education and evident zeal for its improvement. With respect to the details of your work as a teacher, it would not become me to testify, as those are necessarily so much better known to the Rector of the High School, under whom you have laboured.

You have my earnest wishes for your success in any field of educational usefulness in which you may be engaged.

Yours sincerely,

J. W. DAWSON.

To J. Douglas Borthwick, Esq., &c. &c.

**XXI.—From H. A. HOWE, Esq., A.M., Rector of the
High School Department and Emeritus Professor of
Mathematics and Natural Philosophy, McGill Col-
lege, Montreal.**

Mr. John D. Borthwick has been an assistant master in the High School Department of McGill College for more than four years. He is of good character, and has been always regular and zealous in the discharge of his duties.

His attainments qualify him for the mastership of a Country Grammar School.

H. ASPINWALL HOWE, M.A.,
Rector of the High School of McGill College.

Montreal, Feb. 3rd, 1860.

XXII.—From W. C. BAYNES, Esq., B.A., Secretary
of McGill College.

McGILL COLLEGE, Feb. 8th, 1860.

MY DEAR SIR,—As I have had the advantage of your attentions as private tutor to my sons, and also am well acquainted with your efficiency as teacher in the High School Department of this University, it gives me great pleasure to state, that, as a parent, I have every reason to be satisfied with your attention and success, and I most earnestly trust that you may find a sphere where your talents may be as successfully developed as they have been in Montreal.

I am, my dear Sir,

Yours very truly,

W. C. BAYNES,
Secretary.

To J. Douglas Borthwick, Esq.

XXIII.—From T. A. GIBSON, Esq., M.A., First Assistant-Master of the High School Department of McGill College.

I hereby certify that Mr. J. D. Borthwick with marked diligence and success received under my own tuition and that of my successor the six years' course of Classical and Commercial Education in Cauvin's Institution, Edinburgh, (an establishment specially endowed for the purpose of qualifying its pupils for the profession of Teachers) that he carried off by competition a Bursary offered by the Scottish School Book Association, and also one by the Town Council, thereby entitling him to a year's attendance in the University—that he has had successful experience in teaching in the Old Country and in Canada,—and that he has recently done no small service to the cause of Education in British North America by the compilation of two excellent School-Books. In conclusion it is my firm persuasion that Mr. B. will discharge with energy, faithfulness and success the duties of any scholastic establishment to which he may be appointed.

T. A. GIBSON, M.A.

First Assistant Master High School Department of McGill College.

Montreal, February 17th, 1860.

XXIV.—From DAVID RODGER, Esq., A.M., Second Assistant-Master of the High School Department of McGill College.

MONTREAL, Feb. 17th, 1860.

Having been a colleague of Mr. J. D. Borthwick in the High School Department of McGill College, for upwards of four years, I have much pleasure in bearing testimony to his efficiency as a teacher, and the success which has attended his labours in that Institution. I can strongly recommend him in his present application—the duties of which, I feel confident, he will discharge to the satisfaction of the Directors, with credit to himself, and advantage to the pupils placed under his care.

DAVID RODGER, A.M.,
Second Assistant-Master High School.

XXV.—From Rev. ALEX. KEMP, Presbyterian Minister, Montreal.

MONTREAL, 17th Feb., 1860.

I have attended the examinations in the High School and observed with much pleasure the interesting and instructive manner in which Mr. Borthwick conducted the business of his classes.

My son has also been under the care of Mr. Borthwick for about three years and during that time his education has been efficiently attended to, and his progress has been considerable.

So far as my observation goes, I consider Mr. Borthwick a conscientious, painstaking and good teacher of the departments of an English Education.

ALEX. F. KEMP.
Minister, St. Gabriel St. Church.

XXVI.—From Hon. JUDGE McCORD, D.C.L., Montreal.

TEMPLE GROVE, MONTREAL, 21st Feb., 1860.

My dear Sir,—I understand that you are about severing your connexion with the High School, and I take the opportunity of testifying my satisfaction with the instruction imparted by you to my two sons whilst

under your care, and for the kind forbearance and patience at all times manifested ; and you will take with you my best wishes for your future prosperity, which your well known talents and ability will be sure to merit in any part of the world.

I am yours truly,

J. S. McCORD.

XXVII.—From Rev. WILLIAM BOND, A.M., Episcopal Minister, Montreal.

MONTREAL, February 23rd, 1860.

At the request of Mr. Borthwick of the High School of this city, I have pleasure in affording him the testimony of my sense of the ability and zeal with which he has performed his duty towards my two sons. I have examined and considered the progress they have made while under his care, and find that it is satisfactory.

WM. BOND.

XXVIII.—From B. H. LEMOINE, Esq., &c., Montreal.

MONTREAL, 24th February, 1860.

We the undersigned very much regret to learn that Mr. Borthwick is about to leave the High School of this city, after having taught as one of the Assistant Teachers for more than four years.

We believe him in every respect competent to teach the several branches that he has been engaged in, and are fully satisfied with the progress our sons have made under his tuition.

We moreover feel great pleasure in bearing testimony to the manner of his conducting the Classes under his charge, and the judicious method of instruction conveyed, especially in his English branches, and therefore have no hesitation in recommending him as a successful and competent teacher.

B. H. LEMOINE, People's Bank

G. A. HOLLAND.

RICHARD BIRKS.

THOMAS MACDUFF.

J. R. SPONG, Major,

Asst. Adjt.-Gen. of Militia.

R. J. FOWLER.

WILLIAM BREWSTER.

&c. &c.

XXIX.—From Hon. P. J. O. CHAUVEAU, LL.D., Superintendent of Education for Canada East.

EDUCATION OFFICE,
Montreal, 25th February, 1860.

J. DOUGLAS BORTHWICK, Esq.,
Montreal.

Sir,—I am happy that your letter has given me the opportunity of expressing the high opinion I entertain both of your proficiency as a teacher and of your zeal as an educationist, which has prompted you to compile and to publish the several educational books that are now before the public.

I earnestly wish that you may obtain a situation as Teacher consonant with your ability; and with that view, you are at liberty to make of this letter whatever use you may deem proper.

I have the honour to be, Sir,
Your obedient servant,

PIERRE J. O. CHAUVEAU,
Superintendent of Education.